



## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

July 26, 2011

### **S. 292**

### **Salmon Lake Land Selection Resolution Act**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
on July 14, 2011*

#### **SUMMARY**

S. 292 would ratify an agreement settling a land dispute between the state of Alaska and the Bering Straits Native Corporation (a native-owned regional corporation established to administer land given to Alaska Natives under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act). Based on information from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), CBO expects that implementing the legislation would increase direct spending; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures apply. CBO estimates, however, that such effects would be insignificant for each year over the 2012-2021 period.

S. 292 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

#### **ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

Under the bill, the federal government would convey about 18,000 acres of land located in western Alaska to the Bering Straits Native Corporation and the state of Alaska to satisfy claims made by those parties under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act and the Alaska Statehood Act, respectively. The federal government currently collects about \$1,500 per year from a lease on the affected land. Thus, CBO estimates that conveying that land would reduce offsetting receipts (a credit against direct spending) by about \$15,000 over the 2012-2021 period. In addition, upon enactment of the bill, BLM would transfer 90 percent of all receipts collected over the life of the lease (about \$20,000 to date) to the state of Alaska and would deposit the remaining 10 percent of those funds in the U.S. Treasury. In total, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would increase direct spending by about \$35,000 over the 2012-2021 period.

## **PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS**

The Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010 establishes budget-reporting and enforcement procedures for legislation affecting direct spending or revenues. The net budgetary changes that are subject to pay-as-you-go procedures are shown in the following table.

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**CBO Estimate of Pay-As-You-Go Effects for S. 292, the Salmon Lake Land Selection Resolution Act, as ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on June 16, 2010**

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|  | By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |               |               |
|--|--|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|---------------|---------------|
|  | 2011                                   | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2011-<br>2016 | 2011-<br>2021 |
| <b>NET INCREASE OR DECREASE (-) IN THE DEFICIT</b> |  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |               |               |
| Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Impact                     | 0                                      | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0             | 0             |

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## **INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT**

S. 292 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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